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Tube Amplifier Output Transformers LL1620, LL1623, LL1627, LL9202

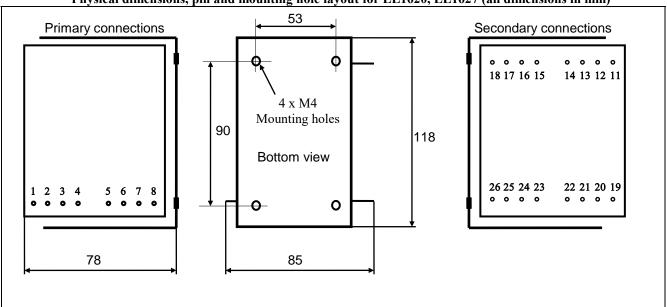
The LL1620, LL1623, LL1627 and LL9202 are output transformers for tube amplifiers. All transformers are based on the same core size, winding structure and secondaries, but differ in number of turns (and thus impedance level) of primaries.

The transformers are highly sectioned with harmonically sized sections, which results in a minimum leakage inductance. This, combined with a low capacitance coil winding technique results in a wide frequency range.

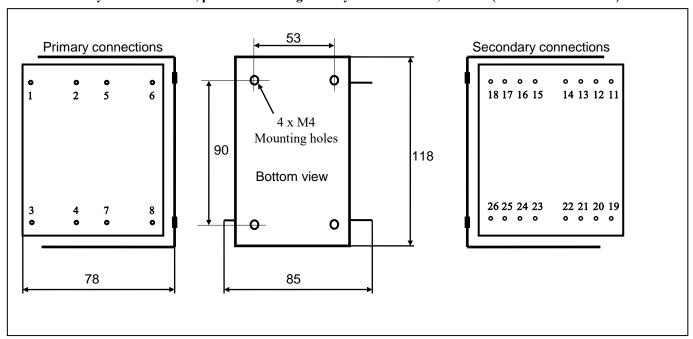
The transformers have a special audio C-core of our own production, which is gapped for desired DC current.

The transformers are of open frame type suitable for mounting inside an amplifier housing.

Physical dimensions, pin and mounting hole layout for LL1620, LL1627 (all dimensions in mm)



Physical dimensions, pin and mounting hole layout for LL1623, LL9202 (all dimensions in mm)

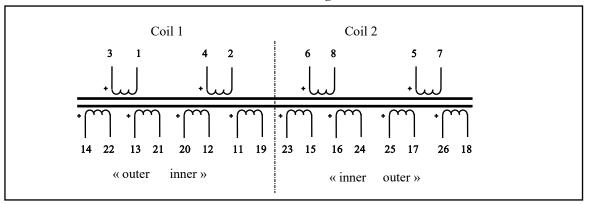


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Pin spacing module: Weight:

5.08 mm (0.2") 2.5 kg

Winding schematics:



The inner windings have a lower copper resistance due to smaller circumference

	LL	9202	LL	1620	LL	1623	LL	1627
Turns ratio:	4 x 26.5 : 8 x 1		4 x 19.2 : 8 x 1		4 x 13.4 : 8 x 1		4 x 8.5 : 8 x 1	
Static resistance of primary (all in series)	600 Ω (4	600 Ω (4 • 150 Ω) 308 Ω (4 • 77 Ω)		164 Ω (4 • 41 Ω)		56Ω (4•14Ω)		
Static resistance of each secondary (average)	0.4 Ω		0.4 Ω		0.4 Ω		0.4 Ω	
Primary leakage inductance (all in series)	20 mH		11 mH		4.6 mH		1.9 mH	
Max. recommended primary DC current (heat dissip. 7W)	110 mA		150 mA		210 mA		350 mA	
Max. primary signal voltage r.m.s. at 30 Hz (all in series)	Push-Pull 1180V	Single End 525V	Push-Pull 860V	Single End 380V	Push-Pull 610V	Single End 270V	Push-Pull 380V	Single End 170V

Isolation between primary and secondary windings / between windings and core: 3 kV / 1.5 kV

Standard types: LL9202 / PP LL9202 / 50mA LL9202 / 85mA

Other sub-types available on request.

Frequency response example:

The frequency response is dependent on transformer type and connection alternative.

For the LL1623 / 90 mA, connection alt. C, with $R_{SOURCE} = 650 \Omega$

 $R_{LOAD} = 8 \Omega$

you get:

 Frequency response
 7 Hz - 25 kHz
 +/- 0.5 dB

 Phase Shift
 @ 20 Hz
 2°

 @ 20 kHz
 13.5°

 Group delay (δφ/δω)
 @ 20 kHz
 2.2 μs

Electrical characteristics

Primary Load Impedance, Primary DC Current Core Air-gap and Maximum Output Power

	•	connection f	for 4/8/16 Ω	Core Airgap (Delta/2)					
	-/B/C	B/C/D	C/D/E	25 μ	125 μ	190 μ	250 μ		
				(Push-Pull)	(Single Ended)	(Single Ended)	(Single Ended)		
	Primary Load Impedance			DC current for 0.9 Tesla (rec. operating point)					
	(transformer	copper resista	nce included)	Primary Inductance					
LL1627	$2.3~\mathrm{k}\Omega$	$1.2~\mathrm{k}\Omega$	$0.65~\mathrm{k}\Omega$	Push-Pull	90 mA	140 mA	185 mA		
				60 H	18 H	12 H	9 H		
LL1623	5.6 kΩ	$3.0~\mathrm{k}\Omega$	1.6 kΩ	Push-Pull	60 mA	90 mA	120 mA		
				150 H	46 H	30 H	23 H		
LL1620	11.5 kΩ	$6.0~\mathrm{k}\Omega$	3.3 kΩ	Push-Pull	40 mA	60 mA	80 mA		
				300 H	90 H	60 H	45 H		
LL9202	23 kΩ	11 kΩ	6.5 kΩ	Push-Pull	50 mA / 225μ	85 mA / 400μ			
				570 H	100 H	57 H			
	Output Power and Loss								
	62W	125W	250W	Max. Po					
All types	13W	25W	50W	Max. Power, Single Ended at 30 Hz					
	0.2 dB	0.5 dB	0.8 dB	Loss across transformer					

Our recommendations on how to choose your tube output transformer:

Push-pull output stages:

All our push-pull output transformers have a 25 microns core air gap to allow for a small DC unbalance of your output circuits.

Step 1 From your secondary load impedance (4, 8 or 16 ohms), we suggest a secondary connection alternative with 0.5 dB loss. This will give you a maximum power limit of 125W at 30 Hz, and a LF -1 dB point at 6.4 Hz for pentodes and lower still for triodes.

If you require more headroom at low frequencies, the 0.8 dB loss alternative expands the LF limit one octave.

Step 2 Your tube choice gives you a desired primary load impedance. Select the transformer type having a primary load impedance which best matches the desired impedance. The LL1623 (5.6 k Ω plate-to-plate impedance) or the LL1620 (6.0 k Ω plate-to-plate impedance) suits many tubes

like the 300B triode or the EL34 pentode. The 6C33 (low voltage, high current) requires a transformer LL1627 while high anode voltage tubes require the high impedance of the LL1620.

Footnote: In class A push-pull, each **tube** will see a load impedance = 1/2 transformer primary load impedance. In class B push-pull, each **tube** will see 1/4.

Single-end output stages:

The core of Single End output transformers have an airgap. The purpose of the airgap is to accept the DC current of the output tube without saturating the core, leaving enough headroom for the sound signal. As a result of the airgap, the primary inductance is lower for SE output transformers compared to P-P dittos. In addition, the inductance tends to vary with DC current. For our high quality C- cores with carefully ground surfaces, the variation is within +7% of rated value.

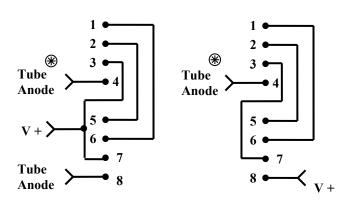
- Step 1 We recommend that, given your secondary load impedance (4, 8 or 16 ohms), you select a secondary connection alternative with 0.5 dB loss. This will give you a power limit of 25 W at 30 Hz. If you find that you require more bass headroom, select a secondary connection alternative with 0.8 dB loss.
- Step 2 From the tube load line you determine a primary load impedance. This results in a choice of transformer main type.
- Step 3 From the tube data sheet you also select your desired DC current. From the table above you select the transformer subtype (DC current) which best fits your needs. For many tubes such as the 300B and the EL34, the transformer LL1623 / 90 mA is the ideal choice.
- Step 4 We define **Power Low Frequency Limit, F**_{PL}, as the frequency where $\omega L_P = R_{LOAD}$. (The reactive impedance of the transformer equals the primary load impedance). At F_{PL}, the output power is reduced to 50%. For the LL1623 / 90 mA in a 0.5 dB loss connection, F_{PL} = 16 Hz (R_{PRIMARY} = 3.0 kohms and L_P = 30H).
- Step 5 We define **Response Low Frequency Limit, F**_{RL} as the frequency where a (small) output signal is reduced with -1 dB due to finite primary inductance. $F_{RL} = \omega / \pi$, if you solve ω in $\omega L_P = (R_{LOAD} \text{ in parallell with } R_{ANODE})$. For the LL1623 / 90 mA and a 300B triode, $F_{RL} = 7$ Hz. ($R_{ANODE} = 650$ ohms, $R_{PRIMARY} = 3.0$ kohms and $L_P = 30$ H),

Primary Connections

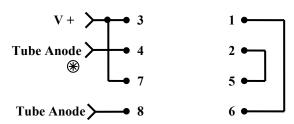
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LL1620, LL1627 Primary connection for push-pull output stage

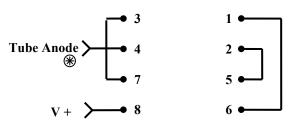
LL1620, LL1627 Primary connection for single-end output stage



LL1623 and LL9202 primary connection for push-pull output stage



LL1623 and LL9202 primary connection for single-ended output



Secondary connections

Indicates phase

